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Mr. Wayne L. Hayes

June 7th. 1971.

Dear Sir,

Attempted Defection by Lithuanian Seaman
Simas Hudirka

We have not met or corresponded but I have been impressed by your handling of the above subject.

This letter is to let you know that in the near future a private attempt at physically rescuing Simas Hudirka will be made, and to ensure that in the event of failure at least one person in the U.S.A. i.e. yourself would know that an attempt was at least made.

It would be appreciated if you would keep this notification confidential until after the attempt has been made. You will know one way or the other in due course. You will understand I am sure that interference by any Governmental Agency at this time might prejudice a successful outcome.

You may have some helpful information you would wish to pass on to me and if this is so please let me have it no later than June 21st

It also occurs to me that the U.S.A. could and might want to have a stake in this enterprise. This, of course, could only be done informally by means of a private citizen. A financial contribution towards expenses would be a useful stake !!

Yours sincerely,

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Al Westphal, whom I think you know and who is a friend and senior staffer of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, gave me the attached and would like to have from us whatever evaluation it may suggest. He has also given copies to the Postal Inspector and the FBI.

Al told me that as a matter of fact there are some sensitive political negotiations now going on for the release of subject and he is not going to do anything that might interfere. Al is not sure whether this is a provocation, postal fraud, or what have you and this is the reason he is interested in the evaluation.

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